

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Investigation Number:
03144-0600

Reporting Office:
Dallas, TX, Area Office

Investigation Name:
Arkansas Gravel Company

Activity Date:
09/27/2021

Subject of Report:
2021-09-25; Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA START contractor

Reporting Official and Date:
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Special Agent
27 Sep 2021, Signed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Approving Official and Date:
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
27 Sep 2021, Approved by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

DETAILS:

On September 25, 2021, EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Adam Adams advised Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) should speak with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for EPA Region 6's Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contractor - Weston Solutions - as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had information that may be pertinent to SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) investigation related to the rupture of the NuStar Energy anhydrous ammonia (NH3) pipeline near Hampton, Arkansas.

A short time later, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in the incident command post located adjacent to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office. SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) identified (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) agency issued credentials and badge and asked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would mind being interviewed by SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding any information, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had related to the NH3 release and response. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) agreed to be interviewed and provided the following information to SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Earlier on the September 25, 2021, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and a subcontractor assisting (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), drove into Hampton, Arkansas, to get lunch at the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). While there, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) were approached by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

The (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) noticed the safety vests (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) were wearing and asked if they were part of the response effort related to the NH3 release. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said they were at which time the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) asked if authorities had located the equipment operator who struck the pipeline. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), but (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could not remember the name (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided.

The (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) the operator "(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)". The (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that an (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could not remember the name provided to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of the Arkansas Gravel Company (AGC) was in the

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had no further information to provide.

ATTACHMENT(S):